

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. 601–612) provides that whenever an agency promulgates a final rule after being required to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking under the APA (5 U.S.C. 553), the agency must prepare and make available a final regulatory flexibility analysis describing the impact of the rule on small entities or the head of the agency must certify that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. 5 U.S.C. 604–605. As indicated above, this final rule is not subject to the APA’s notice and comment requirements, and the Commission is not required to either conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis or certify that the final rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521) requires an

agency to seek and receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before collecting information from the public. 44 U.S.C. 3507. The agency must submit collections of information in rules to OMB in conjunction with the publication of the notice of proposed rulemaking. 5 CFR 1320.11. This final rule does not contain any collection of information, as defined by 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c).

**Regulation Identifier Number**

The Commission assigns a regulation identifier number (RIN) to each regulatory action listed in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions (Unified Agenda). The Regulatory Information Service Center publishes the Unified Agenda in April and October of each year. The public may use the RIN contained in the heading at the beginning of this document to find this action in the Unified Agenda, available at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>.

[www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain).

**List of Subjects in 46 CFR Part 506**

Administrative practice and procedure, Claims, Penalties.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, 46 CFR part 506 is amended as follows:

**PART 506—CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY INFLATION ADJUSTMENT**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 506 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 28 U.S.C. 2461.

■ 2. Amend § 506.4 by revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

**§ 506.4 Cost of living adjustments of civil monetary penalties.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) *Inflation adjustment.* Maximum civil monetary penalties within the jurisdiction of the Federal Maritime Commission are adjusted for inflation as follows:

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (d)

United States Code citation	Civil monetary penalty description	Maximum penalty as of January 15, 2023	Maximum penalty as of January 15, 2024
46 U.S.C. 42304 .....	Adverse impact on U.S. carriers by foreign shipping practices .....	\$2,479,282	\$2,559,636
46 U.S.C. 41107(a) .....	Knowing and Willful violation/Shipping Act of 1984, or Commission regulation or order.	70,752	73,045
46 U.S.C. 41107(a) .....	Violation of Shipping Act of 1984, Commission regulation or order, not knowing and willful.	14,149	14,608
46 U.S.C. 41108(b) .....	Operating in foreign commerce after tariff suspension .....	141,506	146,092
46 U.S.C. 42104 .....	Failure to provide required reports, etc./Merchant Marine Act of 1920.	11,162	11,524
46 U.S.C. 42106 .....	Adverse shipping conditions/Merchant Marine Act of 1920 .....	2,232,281	2,304,629
46 U.S.C. 42108 .....	Operating after tariff or service contract suspension/Merchant Marine Act of 1920.	111,614	115,231
46 U.S.C. 44102, 44104 .....	Failure to establish financial responsibility for non-performance of transportation.	28,194	29,108
46 U.S.C. 44103, 44104 .....	Failure to establish financial responsibility for death or injury .....	941	971
31 U.S.C. 3802(a)(1) .....	Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act/making false claim .....	28,194	29,108
31 U.S.C. 3802(a)(2) .....	Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act/giving false statement .....	941	971
		13,508	13,946
		13,508	13,946

By the Commission.  
**David Eng,**  
*Secretary.*  
 [FR Doc. 2024–00354 Filed 1–9–24; 8:45 am]  
**BILLING CODE 6730–02–P**

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Parts 1 and 4**

[GN Docket No. 15–206; FCC 16–81, FCC 19–138; FR ID 195876]

**Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Cable Outage Data**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of effective and compliance dates.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the information collection associated with the Commission’s *Report and Order* and subsequent *Order on Reconsideration*. This document, consistent with those documents, fulfills the Commission’s commitment that it would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the effective date of those rules.

**DATES:**

*Effective date:* The amendments to 47 CFR 1.767 and 4.15, published at 81 FR

52354 on August 8, 2016, are effective January 10, 2024.

*Compliance date:* Compliance with 47 CFR 1.767 and 4.15, published at 81 FR 52354 on August 8, 2016, began on October 28, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Scott Cinnamon, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418–2319, or email: [scott.cinnamon@fcc.gov](mailto:scott.cinnamon@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document announces that, on March 25, 2021, OMB approved, for a period of three years, the information collection requirements relating to mandatory submarine outage reporting rules contained in the Commission's *Order*, FCC 16–81, published at 81 FR 52354, August 8, 2016. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1283. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of the rules. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed below, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Nicole Oengele Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060–1283, in your correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via email at [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov).

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

**Synopsis**

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received final OMB approval on March 25, 2021, for the information collection requirements contained in the modifications to the Commission's rules in 47 CFR parts 1 and 4. Notice of that approval was published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2021 (see 86 FR 22360).

Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number.

No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1283.

The foregoing notification is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

*OMB Control Number:* 3060–1283.

*OMB Approval Date:* March 25, 2021.

*OMB Expiration Date:* March 31, 2024.

*Title:* Improving Outage Reporting for Submarine Cables and Enhanced Submarine Outage Data.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit entities.

*Total Number of Respondents and Responses:* 74 respondents; 336 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On-occasion reporting requirements.

*Obligation to Respond:* The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 34 through 39, 151, 154, 155, 157, 201, 251, 254, 301, 303(b), 303(g), 303(r), 307, 309(a), 309(j), 316, 332, 403, 615a–1, 615c, 1302(a), and 1302(b); 5 U.S.C. 301, and Executive Order No. 10530.

*Total Annual Burden:* 2,016 hours.

*Total Annual Costs:* No costs.

*Needs and Uses:* On July 12, 2016, the Commission released the Order, FCC 16–81, published at 81 FR 52355, August 8, 2016, adopting final rules—containing information collection requirements—establishing mandatory outage reporting requirements for submarine cable licensees. The rules replaced a voluntary outage reporting system that was in place for submarine cable operators with a mandatory outage reporting requirement similar to the requirements places on other part 4 licensees identified in 47 CFR 4.3. For outages of a certain scope and duration, a submarine cable licensee must file a Notification, Interim Report, and Final Report in the manner prescribed in 47 CFR 4.15. The outage reports are submitted to the Commission through its Network Outage Reporting System (NORS). This mandatory reporting system provides the Commission greater visibility into the availability and resiliency of submarine cable systems.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

[FR Doc. 2024–00341 Filed 1–9–24; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 6712–01–P**

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**47 CFR Part 73**

[MB Docket No. 23–126; FCC 23–112; FR ID 192684]

**Low Power Protection Act**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) adopts rules to implement the Low Power Protection Act (LPPA or Act), which was enacted on January 5, 2023. The LPPA provides certain low power television (LPTV) stations with a limited window of opportunity to apply for primary spectrum use status as Class A television stations. With limited exceptions, the rules adopted herein are consistent with the Commission's proposals in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in this proceeding. In this Order, we further the implementation of the LPPA by establishing the period during which eligible stations may file applications for Class A status, eligibility and interference requirements, and the process for submitting applications.

**DATES:** Effective February 9, 2024; except for 47 CFR 73.6030(c) and 73.6030(d) which are delayed. The Federal Communications Commission will publish a document announcing the effective dates of the delayed amendments in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Matthews, Media Bureau, Policy Division, 202–418–2154, [kim.matthews@fcc.gov](mailto:kim.matthews@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order (*Report and Order*), in MB Docket No. 23–126; FCC 23–112, adopted on December 11, 2023 and released on December 12, 2023. The full text of this document is available for download at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-112A1.pdf>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice), 202–418–0432 (tty).

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis**

This document contains new or modified information collection requirements. The Commission, as part